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<u>PATENT APPLICATION</u> <u>IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</u>

First Applicant: CONNER Scott Eugene

Application Date: December 31, 2003

For: FUSED HETEROCYCLIC DERIVATIVES AS PPAR MODULATORS

Docket No.: X15460

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Introductory Comments

Applicants wish to amend the specification and claims of the above-named international application in preparation for the U.S. National phase entry and to place the application in conformance with United States patent practice.

Any fees associated with this amendment may be charged to Eli Lilly Deposit Account number: 05-0840.

Please amend the accompanying application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 19 of this paper.